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9. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. John R. Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and reviewed with him the question of Soviet attitude or possible support for the United States' position in the Paris Peace Talks and American attempts toward negotiation settlement in Vietnam. I also discussed with him aid provided the North Vietnamese by the Soviets, Communist China, and Eastern Europe for the year 1968 and for the period 1954 to 1968. (See Memorandum of Record for details.)

I briefed Mr. Blandford on the following items:

- a. Soviet SS-9 ICBM;
- b. Sino-Soviet border dispute;
- c. Soviet ABM testing;
- d. Soviet tactical fighters.
- 10. (Secret JGO) Met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and briefed him on the following items:
 - a. Sino-Soviet border dispute;
 - b. Soviet ABM testing;
 - c. Soviet tactical fighters.
- 11. (Secret JGO) Received a call from Colonel Harold Gould, House Science and Astronautics Committee, who advised that Representative Ken Hechler (D., W.Va.) was called during the afternoon by a Scripps-Howard representative concerning the authenticity of news reports concerning an "explosion" early this summer in the Soviet Union. Mr. Gould passed the foregoing as a matter of information since the staff had received a total of four calls during the day on this item. No Agency action is requested. Mr. Gould noted in passing that the responses given were that the Committee staff had no information on the subject. I thanked Mr. Gould for the call. Mr. Goodwin's office has been advised.

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